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**How to Protect Inventions in Foreign Countries.**

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EDWARD P. THOMPSON.

New York, June 9.

THE current issue of *The Weekly Bulletin of Newspaper and Periodical Literature*, published at 5 Somerset St., Boston, is twice its usual size, containing a classified index of 1300 articles from recent numbers of the periodical press. The *Bulletin* cata-

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— A State Academy of Science was established in Ohio last December by a few of the workers in various departments, and held its first field or summer meeting at Akron on the 3d and 4th of June. Arrangements were made for its reception by the Akron Scientific Club, and these were carried out to the evident satisfaction of the members attending. Their number was, however, diminished by a heavy downpour of rain during the preceding night though on the two days of the meeting the weather was fine. A small steamer was engaged for the day, and both hosts and guests enjoyed together ample opportunities for study and collection, in all departments, on the banks and in the waters of several of the morainic lakes so numerous in the vicinity of Akron. In the evening a reception was held at Buchtel College, when short addresses of welcome were made by the mayor, the president of the college and the president of the club, and were suitably replied to by several of the visiting members. A short business session and a microscopic exhibition by the students completed the programme. On Saturday the members went by an early train to the Gorge of the Cuyahoga, where they spent the

## CALENDAR OF SOCIETIES.

**Chemical Society, Washington.**

May 12. — E. E. Ewell, The Carbohydrates of the Coffee-Berry; G. L. Spencer, An Improved Extraction Flask and an apparatus for Rapid Drying over Sulphuric Acid; K. P. McElroy and W. D. Bigelow, Behavior of Chromates in Acetone Solutions. Adjournment was until November.

**Biological Society, Washington.**

June 11. — C. Hart Merriam, The Southern Fur Seal (*Arctocephalus*) at Guadalupe Island; Frederick V. Coville, Uses of Plants among the Panamint Indians; J. M. Holzinger, On *Amarantus crassipes* Schlechtendal; C. Hart Merriam, The Death Valley Expedition.

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—In a paper read before the Washington Chemical Society, May 12, the carbohydrates of the coffee-berry were discussed by Erwin E. Ewell. Our knowledge of the carbohydrates has been materially extended during very recent years, in consequence of which investigation in this line has been greatly stimulated. Maxwell has demonstrated the presence of an insoluble, galactose-yielding carbohydrate; Reiss has reported an insoluble carbohydrate that yields mannose by hydrolysis with dilute sulphuric acid. The water-soluble carbohydrates have received less attention; indefinite statements concerning sugar, gum, and dextrin make up the ex-

isting literature of the subject. By experiments made in the laboratory of the United States Department of Agriculture, cane-sugar, accompanied by small percentages of a substance resembling dextrin and some reducing sugar, has been shown to make up the water-soluble carbohydrate material of coffee. The cane-sugar was obtained in pure and well-defined crystals. A gum was prepared from the portion insoluble in water. The latter has been shown to be a galactose and pentose-yielding substance, and is now being studied farther. At the same meeting, K. P. McElroy and W. D. Bigelow described a new method for the qualitative separation of calcium and strontium, based on the solubility of calcium chromate in dilute acetone. The chlorides of these metals are dissolved in 50 per cent acetone, and a solution of potassium chromate in 50 per cent acetone added. After standing ten minutes no strontium can be detected in the filtrate, and the precipitate is practically free from calcium salts. These investigations will be continued with the hope that the separation may prove quantitative.

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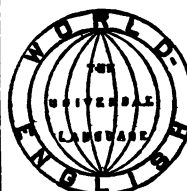
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